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## RECORD OF COUNTY JUDGE EXPOSED

Promises Made Four Years Ago Not Kept.

### BOND FUND SQUANDERED

Reckless Extravagance and Mismanagement Shown By The Records.

#### TO THE REPUBLICANS OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

Since making my formal announcement for the Republican nomination for the office of County Judge, two other candidates have announced against me. In my announcement I gave to the Republicans of this county the platform upon which I am making my race. Neither of my opponents have favored the Republicans of the county with a statement of what they stood for, or what they would do if given the office; except Mr. Griffin promises that if elected he will increase the load of taxation already heavy on the backs of the taxpayers of the county by taxing them to work the public county roads. Mr. Ballard makes no promises, whatever in his announcement, possibly because he made so many promises four years ago, none of which he kept. The republicans and taxpayers of the county have called upon me to give them some of the promises made by Mr. Ballard four years ago, and I hereby give the facts to them and you shall be the judge, from the facts, whether Mr. Ballard has kept his promises to the people.

His first promise was to serve the people as County Judge for \$600 per year. The first year he served—1914, there was paid him as County Judge the sum of \$816.00, \$216 more than he promised to serve for; in 1915 there was paid him as County Judge \$815, \$215 more than he promised to serve for; in 1916 there was paid him as County Judge \$989.35, \$389.35 more than he promised to serve for, and in 1917 he has collected as County Judge part of his salary of \$800 and \$10 on voucher; \$210 more than he promised to serve the people for. This record shows that he has accepted a total of \$3,430.35 for his services as County Judge, or \$1,030.35 more than he promised to serve for. He promised also that he would only pay the County Attorney and County Superintendent a salary of \$600 a year and by making this reduction in his salary and theirs, save the taxpayers of the county \$2,400 for the four years. This he has not done.

Mr. Ballard promised to reduce the pauper claims of the county one-half and also furnish those in need. Prior to his administration there had been an allowance of \$1,500 per year to care for the paupers of the county. The records show that in the year 1914 there was paid out \$3,500.33; in 1915 \$3,518.31 and in 1916 the sum of \$2,584.03, at total of \$9,602.67 for three years. Instead of costing the taxpayers of the county \$1,500 a year, it cost them \$3,200.89 a year for the three years, and God knows what it will cost them this year.

Mr. Ballard promised to abolish the court house janitor and save the taxpayers \$1,200 in four years. Did he do this? Here are the facts as shown by the records. The first year of his term the janitor cost the county \$735.65. The reason for this increased cost being that Mr. Ballard undertook to trample under foot a plain and unmistakable Statute law, which the courts and juries of the State would not permit him to do. The janitor had been paid \$300 a year prior to his term of office and his ignorance of the law and mismanagement placed upon the taxpayers the cost of a law suit and the ex-

Mr. Ballard promised that he would pay his own telephone bills out of his own salary. Now has he done this? The records show that the cost of telephones paid by the county for the last three years is \$208.02. See Voucher No. 52, 1914, \$64.35; Voucher No. 555, 1915, \$73.39; Voucher No. 373, 1916, \$70.28.

Mr. Ballard promised that if elected County Judge he would see that a Road Engineer be appointed for only three or four months in the year, and in that way save the taxpayers about \$2,000 in four years. Has he kept this promise? Here is the record. \$3,043.27 was paid to his Road Engineers, as shown by a statement signed by Mr. Ballard and his County Road Engineers, and published in the Mt. Vernon Signal, February 23, 1917, except \$52.14 which was paid out of the general fund by voucher. This amount had been paid prior to February 23, 1917; the expense has been going on since and no man knows what it will be at the end of 1917.

Mr. Ballard promised that he would keep a "vigilant watch over the finances of the county and prevent all useless, unnecessary and extravagant expenditures of the people's money." Here are the facts as shown by the records: When Mr. Ballard came into office on January 1, 1914, there was a surplus in the treasury of \$2,311.03. To my knowledge there is now an indebtedness against the county of \$15,484.17, and here are the items composing this indebtedness:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Unpaid vouchers held by Bank of Mt. Vernon.....  | \$5,771.44  |
| Unpaid vouchers held by Peoples Bank .....   | 3,685.10    |
| Unpaid vouchers held by S. D. Lewis .....  | 929.00      |
| Unpaid vouchers held by Dr. Lee Chestnut .....   | 120.00      |
| Unpaid vouchers held by Wm. Poynter .....  | 900.00      |
| General Road Fund indebtedness to the Bond Issue Fund, as shown by report of County Judge and Road Engineer, in the Signal, Feb. 23, 1917..... | 3,126.76    |
| Deficit in the General Road fund for 1916 .....  | 951.87      |
| Total .....  | \$15,484.17 |

This does not show the entire indebtedness because there are many outstanding claims that cannot be known until the Treasurer makes his final settlement. What has become of this money, Mr. Ballard? You have made no public improvements of any kind. The dirt roads of the county are in a miserable condition, and the money allowed overseers for hauling has been cut in half. This big debt has nothing to do with the bond issue money. The items constituting this indebtedness are represented by claims allowed, all of which are signed by Mr. Ballard officially. The responsibility is on him. He is the man who made the promise when he was asking the voters of the county to support him four years ago. Now, in view of these facts and figures, I ask, has he kept his promises, so vital to the taxpayers of the county, and if he has failed to keep his promises, can he be trusted again?

Mr. Ballard, in closing his series of promises, says "I further promise and solemnly swear that no acts or deeds on my part will ever cause the good people of my beloved county to look upon me with shame and regret." Is it possible that Mr. Ballard can look upon these promises made to the people four years ago and then upon his record showing that every promise has been broken and thrown to the four winds, without a feeling in his own heart of shame and regret. Mr. Ballard's failure to keep his promises is a slap in the face of every citizen in the county, and especially the voters who supported him four years ago. President Lincoln said: "You can fool all the people part of the time and some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." Mr. Ballard, you will not be able to fool the Republicans of this county again by false promises.

The attention of the taxpayers is called to another act on the part of Mr. Ballard which shows gross neglect on his part of the interest of the people of the county. After the recapitulation sheets showing assessed valuation of all taxable property in this county were sent to Frankfort, notice was given to the County Judge as the law requires, that a raise of 5 per cent. on the assessed valuation on land; a raise of 10 per cent. on the assessed valuation on Town Lots, and a raise of 5 per cent. on assessed valuation on personal property of the county was made by the State Board of Equalization. No effort was made by the County Judge to have these raises taken off, or to even secure a reduction of same. The assessed valuation of land made by the assessor of the county is \$1,035,955. The raise by the State Board of 5 per cent. increases this amount \$51,797. The assessed valuation of town lots made by the assessor is \$263,560. The raise of the State Board of 10 per cent. increases his amount \$26,456. The assessed valuation of personal property made by the assessor is \$300,279. The raise by the State Board of 5 per cent. increases this amount \$15,013. By reason of the neglect of the County Judge the taxpayers of the county will pay on an increased valuation of \$93,448. You know the rate of taxation for state, county and school and can figure for yourselves the increased amount of taxes by taking your own individual assessments and adding thereto the raise of 5 per cent. on land, 10 per cent. on town lots and 5 per cent. on personal property. It was the duty of the county Judge to look after this, and when I heard he had not done so I was astounded. I examined the Clerk's office and found he had issued a voucher to himself on May 16th for \$10 for expenses to attend the meeting of the State Board of Equalization at Frankfort, to make defense against the raise.

#### To the Republicans of Rockcastle County:

It is being circulated that I am making the race for the nomination for County Attorney in the interest of Mr. E. R. Gentry. This report is being uttered and circulated for the sole purpose of trying to injure me in my effort to become County Attorney, and is a fabrication of the whole woof and warp. I am making the race alone, wholly in the interest of the Republican party and the taxpayers of Rockcastle County, and it nominated and elected I will fill and hold the office from A to Z, without the assistance of any one.

Very respectfully,  
S. D. Lewis.

Mr. Ballard made no effort to relieve the taxpayers of the county of the raise and did not appear at all before the Board. After I found that the raise had been certified, I wrote to the Secretary of the Board to find out if witnesses, including the County Judge, had appeared, and the correspondence is as follows:

"Mt. Vernon, Ky., May 28, 1917.

Mr. W. B. Mason,  
Secretary State Board of Equalization,  
Lancaster, Ky.

Dear Sir:—

I would appreciate it very much if you would give me all the facts relating to the raise by your Board of the property of Rockcastle county. I want to know whether any effort was made to have the raise reduced or taken off, and whether there appeared before your Board and witnesses, including the County Judge.

Thanking you for this information and assuring you that same will be appreciated, I am,

Very Respectfully,  
CAM MULLINS, S. R. C."

"Frankfort, Ky., May 30, 1917.

Cam Mullins,  
Sheriff, Rockcastle County,  
Dear Sir:—

Yours of May 28, 1917, directed to me at Lancaster, Ky., was forwarded to me here.

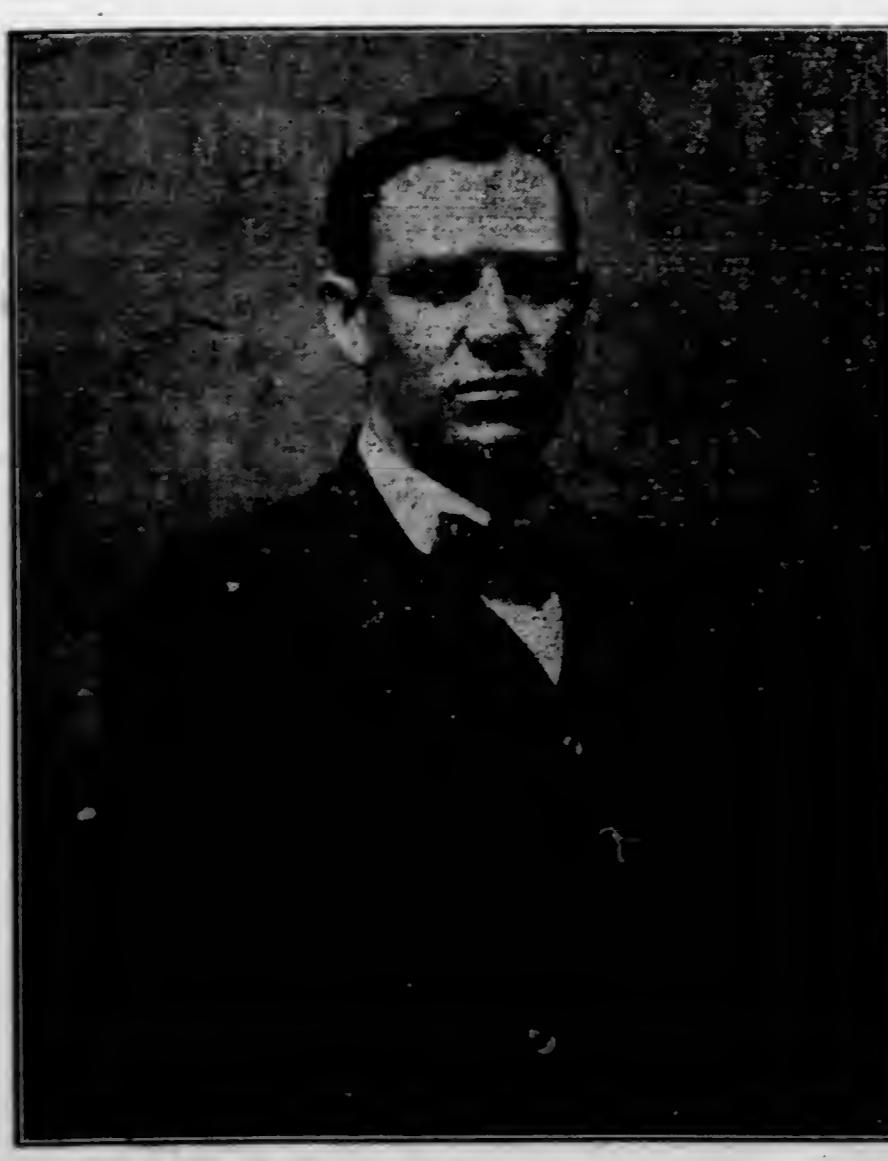
In regard to the raise on Rockcastle county, notice of which I sent to your County Judge as required by law and day fixed for hearing, and on May 9, I received the following letter, which is now on file here: "Mt. Vernon, Ky., May 8, 1917. Hon. W. B. Mason, Frankfort, Ky. Dear Sir:—Will meet your Board May 11inst. G. M. Ballard, Co. Judge." The Board was in session all that day and no one appeared for your county to make any defense on that day, (or any other time that I know of). The Board on that day took final action and made a 5 per cent. raise on lands and 10 per cent. on town lots. Tomorrow, May 31st, is the last day the Board meets and will finally adjourn June 1st at 10 A. M.

Respectfully,  
W. B. MASON, Secretary."

I call the attention of the taxpayers to this matter for the purpose of showing them the manner in which their taxes have been increased, and as a further evidence of the disregard by the County Judge of your interests and rights. The facts to which I have called your attention, taken together, conclusively show how the big indebtedness of the county came about and how your taxes are increased. If I am elected County Judge these things will not happen.

The next proposition is the expenditure of the bond money in the building of turnpike roads in the county. I consider it practically useless to enlarge on this subject, because you all know that the county sold \$100,000 in bonds and that we have not exceeding four miles of finished turnpike. The bond fund is gone with the exception of \$20,074.27, at present in the banks, and it will more than take this amount to meet contracts already made on the road between Mt. Vernon and Roundstone, a distance of seven miles and a fraction. This bond money has been expended in a most unbusiness-like manner, to say the least. With business methods employed we should have, with this fund, built and finished turnpikes connecting Lincoln and Laurel on one side and Madison and Pulaski on the other. Notwithstanding there is no money to finish the pikes, promises are being made by the County Judge that the graded roads will be finished, which he knows to be an absolute impossibility. Also he is telling men all over the county that he will give them positions as foremen in the work of finishing these turnpikes and to others he is promising employment for them and their teams. These promises he knows he cannot keep and it is to be hoped that no man will be fooled by

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CAM MULLINS.

pense of an attorney employed by him to represent him, which cost and attorney's fee amounted to \$453.65. Since then \$300 per year has been paid the janitor, with the consent of Mr. Ballard, but it cost the taxpayers of the county \$453.65 to teach him this much law.

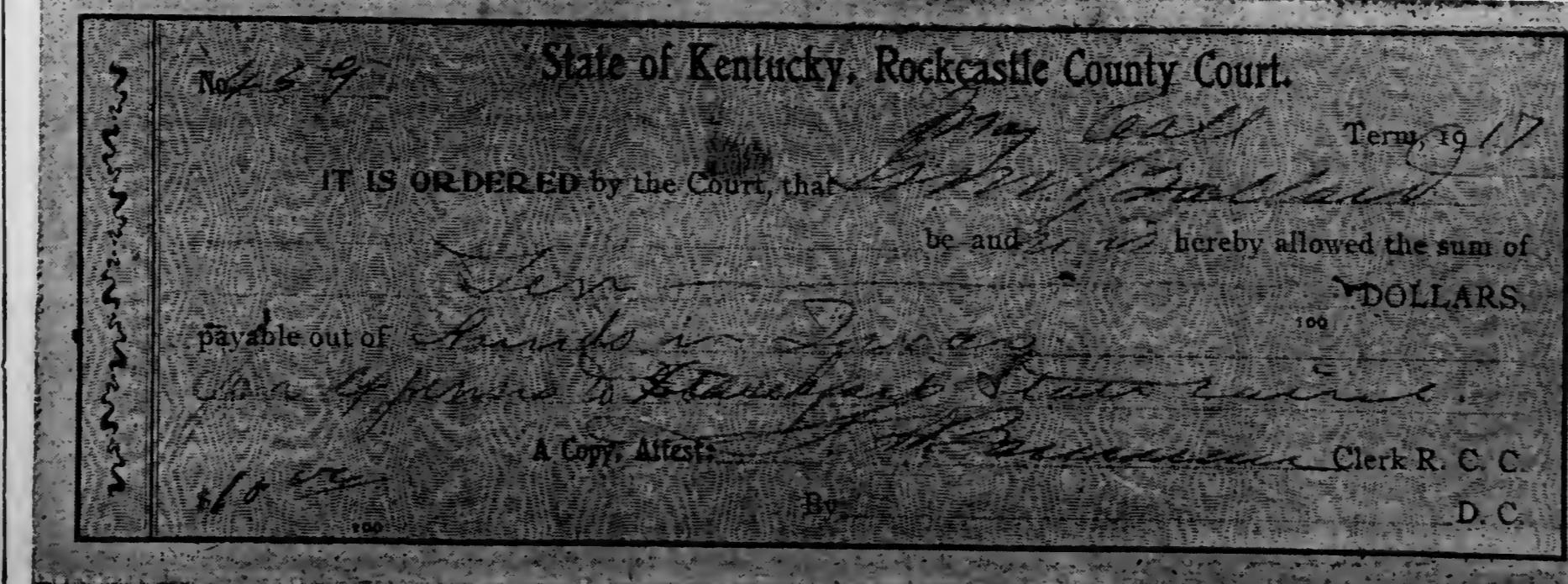
#### LIVINGSTON

Mr. J. A. Oliver, the hustling salesman of Winchester, was with our merchants Tuesday.—Urban Chuning was in London, Sunday.—Mrs. Hobert and Gelett Griffin were in London, Tuesday between trains.—E. B. Thompson, of Mt. Vernon, candidate for county attorney, was here Tuesday shaking hands with the voters and claims his chances for the nomination are good.—Mrs. W. R. Ward, of Hazard, Ky., left Saturday to visit relatives at Danville, Ky.—The residence of G.S. Griffin caught on fire Sunday and did considerable damage before the flames were extinguished, but the good citizens of the town rushed to the scene and by heroic work the flames were subdued but not until considerable damage was done to the house. We can say one thing for the good people of this town and that is when their services are needed they are always ready. They not only saved this house but others which would have caught. Three cheers for Livingston.—Mrs. D. G. Cook and daughter, Miss Lydia, have returned from Mt. Vernon after a few days visit with relatives there.—Mr. and Mrs. John Mullins, of Berea, were here between trains Sunday.—Mrs. R. L. Mattingly and two daughters, of Covington, left for their home Monday after a few days visit with relatives here.—J. E. Woodall, salesman of London, Ky., was with our merchants between trains Tuesday.—Mrs. Osker Argenbright and children are visiting relatives in Corbin this week.—The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kincer, died at Berea, June 28, 1917, of flux. It was a little over two years old. It was their only child and was brought here and laid to rest in the family burying ground over the river. The bereaved have the sympathy of the entire community:

"A precious one from us has gone  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.  
"God in His wisdom has recalled  
The boon His love has given,  
And though the body slumbers  
here,  
Her soul is safe in heaven."

James Lamb was called home near Brodhead, Monday, on account of the illness of one of his children.—Mr. and Mrs. Claud Griffin and Solomon Griffin, of the Buckeye section, motored over to Livingston, Saturday, and returned home Sunday.—D. B. Rambo was in Stanford, Tuesday.—E. S. Albright, of Mt. Vernon, was here between trains, Monday. The editor came down to adjust the damage on G.S. Griffin's house.—B. H. Hellard was in Mt. Vernon, Tuesday, on business.—The carpenters here are raising the foundation of the Baptist church and it is a great help, as the house will be much better and its looks considerably improved.—Work hands around here are as scarce as hens teeth but we have found a remedy and that is to work a double shift. While this may seem tough, yet it is the only way out of the mud, as parties are offering \$1.50 per day for farm labor and cannot get it. Say President Wilson isn't a peach.—Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Rice have gone to housekeeping in the Drummond property on Main street.—Judge Summers, and daughters Misses Letha and Bertha, are visiting relatives in St. Louis, Mo., this week.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herd, of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. Herd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Farley.—J. H. Browning, who has been on the sick list for some time is much better.—Well, vegetables out of our own gardens have at last appeared upon the scene and everybody is glad to give them a hearty welcome. Owing to the high price that has prevailed for some time, their coming was hailed with delight.—We understand that the children of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Payne that have had typhoid fever are some better.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, of Mt. Vernon, motored over here Sunday and spent the day.—The coal industry around our little town still grows until there is more than a dozen mines being worked almost within the town limits and more will be opened in the near future. Cars of coal are shipped out of here almost every day, so we are still at the front.—The section boys here have been granted another raise and now they get \$1 70 per day of ten hours. This looks good and the boys certainly appreciate it.—Dr. W.T. Amy has sold a portion of his farm to W. H. Graves, of Mt. Vernon. The Dr. reserves a portion of the land and his buildings. Price \$1,000. Mr. Graves gets some fine farming land in this deal and also there is coal and some good timber on it.—The picnic given by the Daughters of America in the Browning Grove,

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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

We Are Authorized to Announce  
W. H. KRUEGER

As a candidate for the nomination for  
County Attorney of Rockcastle, subject  
to the action of the Democratic party at  
August Primary, 1917.

We are authorized to announce  
Chas. T. Riddle of Brodhead, Ky.,  
Candidate for Magistrate Fifth District,  
Brown and S. N. Brodhead Precincts,  
subject to Democratic Primary Aug. 4, 1917.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the  
following persons as candidates for the  
respective offices in Rockcastle county,  
subject to the Republican primary election  
in August, 1917:

#### FOR JUDGE,

Can Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
G. M. Ballard, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
J. N. Griffin, of Sparta, Ky.

#### FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

E. R. Gentry, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
F. B. Thompson, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
S. D. Lewis, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

#### FOR SHERIFF,

Tip Langford, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
L. G. Clark, of Orlando, Ky.

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK,  
J. B. Cummings, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
S. F. Bowman, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
James Proctor, of Orlando, Ky.

#### FOR JAILER,

"Little" Tom Taylor, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
Logue Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
G. W. Decker, of Cedarville, Ky.  
J. S. Souders, of Pine Hill, Ky.  
Frank Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
R. B. Sheppard, of Orlando, Ky.  
J. W. Chasteen, of Johnetta, Ky.  
J. L. Arnold, of Livingston, Ky.  
Jas. Winstead, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
S. A. Drew, of Burr, Ky.

Harry Jones, of Hiatt, Ky.  
Jas. Shelton, of Livingston, Ky.  
Eugene Gentry, of Pine Hill, Ky.

#### FOR SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Alice Davis, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
W. R. Dickerson, of Livingston, Ky.

#### FOR ASSESSOR.

C. T. Sigmon, of Wildie, Ky.  
W. H. Carnical, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

#### FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Rev. Wm. M. Durham, Johnetta, Ky.

#### FOR MAGISTRATE, FIRST DISTRICT,

W. M. Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
FOURTH DISTRICT.

G. W. Murphy, of Livingston, Ky.

#### FIFTH DISTRICT.

Josiah Meee, of Hansford, Ky.

#### FOR CONSTABLE, FIRST DISTRICT,

J. A. Jones, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

#### FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

71st Legislative District,  
Laurel and Rockcastle.

John R. Floyd, of Laurel County.  
G. A. Settle, of London, Ky.

G. H. Vandeventer, of Bush, Laurel Co.

We are proud of our boys who  
enlisted. We believe that they, and  
those yet to go, will prove of  
worthy steel when the testing  
time comes. But there are other  
patriots. When the call came  
for us to help feed the world, al  
most every citizen planted more  
crops and gardens than ever before.  
As a result of this, we  
have more land in cultivation  
than was ever in cultivation in  
the county before. We are also cul  
tivating those crops better than  
than we have any before. This  
is all fine, but we have not ac  
complished our object yet. We  
should not quit planting and cul  
tivating. Every hill or row  
that has matured its crop should  
be planted in a second crop. This  
second crop will often times  
double the yield and the present  
value of a piece of ground. This  
second crop will not be harder  
on the land and will take the  
place of a crop of weeds that  
would come volunteer. No weeds  
should be allowed to grow in  
our fields and gardens. Land  
that will grow weeds will grow  
something to eat, and the weeds  
rob some hungry child of the  
food that could have been grown  
in its place.

Everything indicates that  
our production is going to be  
good, but our greatest test is  
the manner in which we take  
care of what we produce. It is a  
sin before God and man for us  
to waste any thing. Thousands  
of our fellow men are starving  
Millions of pale faced and hollow

cheeked children will be in their  
graves ere spring comes again,  
unless America feeds them.  
How can we help them? If we  
do no more than raise all the  
food that we should need in our  
own county, all that would  
otherwise be shipped to us can  
be sent to them. We should can  
every thing that can not be kept  
otherwise. We should economize  
in the use of cans by drying such  
fruit and vegetables as can be  
well preserved in this way. Then  
we should keep in our county  
every thing, which, if shipped out  
will cause us to buy later, and  
at a higher figure. All of this  
has a three fold value. It will  
bring down the high cost of liv  
ing. It will prove our loyalty to  
our government. And, it will  
help to save our fellow men in  
this hour of their great need.

### BANK STATEMENT.

Report of the condition of the  
First State Bank, doing business  
at the town of Livingston County  
of Rockcastle State of Kentucky  
at the close of business on June  
20th, 1917.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts \$ 708.67  
Due from Banks 12,134.70  
Cash on hand 1,354.12  
Banking house furniture  
and fixtures 544.01  
Other Assets not in  
cluded any of above  
heads 2.55

#### TOTAL

\$14,744.05

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in,  
in cash \$ 7,500.00  
Overdrafts, secured  
and unsecured 754.15  
Due from Banks 16,378.34  
Cash on hand 1,726.49  
Banking house Furniture  
and fixtures 4,590.00  
Other Assets not in  
cluded under the above  
heads 1,042.25

Banking House, Farm  
and fixtures 6,750.00  
Other Real Estate 438.42  
Current Expenses 1,879.11

Total \$130,621.94

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in,  
in cash \$20,000.00  
Surplus Fund 4,000.00  
Undivided Profits 3,827.54  
Deposits subject to  
check 108,794.40

Total \$130,621.94

State of Kentucky } Sel.  
County of Rockcastle } Set.  
We U. G. Baker and F. L. Thompson Jr., President and Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

U. G. Baker, President

F. L. Thompson Jr., Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 3, day of July 1917.  
My Commission Expires Feb. 7  
1920.

E. R. Gentry,  
Notary Public

### BANK STATEMENT.

Report of the conditions of The  
Citizens Bank, doing business at  
the town of Brodhead County of  
Rockcastle State of Kentucky at  
the close of business on 20 day of  
June 1917.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts \$ 56,929.90  
Overdrafts, secured  
and unsecured 754.15  
Due from Banks 16,378.34  
Cash on hand 1,726.49  
Banking house Furniture  
and fixtures 4,590.00  
Other Assets not in  
cluded under the above  
heads 1,042.25

Total \$81,271.13

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in,  
in cash 15,000.00  
Surplus Fund 1,700.00  
Undivided Profits, less ex  
penses and taxes paid 2,947.86  
Deposits subject to check 61,683.27

Total \$81,271.13

State of Kentucky } Sel.  
County of Rockcastle } Set.  
We J. C. Griffin and C. M. Thompson  
President and Cashier of the above  
named Bank, do solemnly swear  
that the above statement is  
true to the best of our knowledge  
and belief.

J. C. Griffin, President

C. M. Thompson, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 27 day of June 1917.  
My Commission Expires Feb. 3, 1918.

G. W. Murphy,  
Notary Public

J. P. E. Drummond,  
C. E. Rice,

R. G. Webb,  
Directors.

### BANK STATEMENT.

Report of the condition of The  
Bank of Mt. Vernon, doing busi  
ness at the town of Mt. Vernon,  
County of Rockcastle State of  
Kentucky at the close of business  
on 20th, day of June 1917.

Loans and Discounts \$99,304.68

Overdrafts, secured  
and unsecured 517.28  
Due from Banks 21,598.51  
Cash on hands 2,220.78  
Banking house furniture  
and fixtures 1,670.42  
Other Assets not in  
cluded under any of  
above heads 1,655.70

Total \$128,707.56

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in,  
in cash \$15,000.00  
Surplus Fund 7,000.00  
Undivided Profits 3,333.91  
Deposits subject to  
check 103,433.65

Total \$128,707.56

State of Kentucky } Sel.  
County of Rockcastle } Set.  
We T. J. Niceley and W. L. Richards  
President and Cashier of the above  
named Bank, do solemnly swear  
that the above statement is  
true to the best of our knowledge  
and belief.

T. J. Niceley President

W. L. Richards, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 3, day of July 1917.  
My Commission expires May 18, 1919.

F. L. Thompson Jr.,  
Notary Public.

### BANK STATEMENT.

Report of the condition of the  
Peoples Bank, doing business at  
the town of Mt. Vernon County of  
Rockcastle State of Kentucky at  
the close of business on 20, day of  
June 1917.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts \$107,710.94  
Overdrafts secured  
and unsecured 1,407.21  
Due from Banks 15,660.15  
Cash on hand 2,761.15

s tilted after traffic passed over  
the road a short time and by rais  
ing it to that height when the  
pavement is thoroughly connected it  
will be about the level of the re  
maining portion of the road. No  
unevenness will appear.

The patrolman for a gravel  
road should be equipped with a  
drag, pick, shovel, etc., and some  
additional gravel to be placed  
in the existing depressions. For an  
earth road, the patrolman  
should have a good drag and the  
road should be dragged regularly  
after each rain. A patrolman  
should in all cases see to it that  
the ditches are properly kept  
open, weeds cut along the road  
and culverts thoroughly cleaned  
out.

If the various counties will  
adopt the patrol system, thou  
sands of dollars could be saved  
annually, because a road when  
once built should be maintained.

I sincerely trust you will do  
all with your power to have  
the system started in all counties  
through which the Boone Way  
passes and in all other counties  
in the State."

Patrolmen are under the di  
rect charge of the county en  
gineer or road supervisor.

Further information on the  
patrol system will be cheerfully  
given by the Commissioner of  
Public Roads, Frankfort, or the  
President of Boone Way, whose  
present address is Winchester, Kentucky.—Winchester Sun

There is more starch in this  
section of the country than all  
other diseases put together, and  
for years it was supposed to be  
incurable. Doctors prescribed  
local remedies, and by constantly  
failing to cure with local treatment,  
pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease greatly  
influenced by constitutional con  
ditions and therefore requires  
constitutional treatment. Hall's  
Catarrh Medicine, manufactured  
by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo,  
Ohio, is a constitutional remedy,  
taken internally and acts thru  
the blood on the Mucous Sur  
faces of the System. One Hun  
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Medicine fails to cure. Send for  
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Hall's Family Pills for constipa  
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There are a great many per  
sons who would be very much  
benefited by taking Chamber  
lain's Tablets for a weak or dis  
ordered stomach. Are you one  
of them? Mrs. M. R. Searl,  
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experience in the use of these  
tablets: "I had a bad spell with  
my stomach about six months  
ago, and was troubled for two or  
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pains in the pit of my stomach.  
Our druggist advised me to take  
Chamberlain's Tablets. I took a  
bottle here and the first dose re  
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on taking them until I was cur  
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been relieved may prevent its re  
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A. M. Hiatt, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 27 day of June 1917.  
My Commission expires Dec 18, 1920.

Miranda Tate,  
Notary Public

By "J. M."

Hon. Rodman Wiley, Commis  
sioner of Public Roads, Frank  
fort, in communications with  
Jim Maret, Pres. of Boone Way,  
a highway crossing the state of  
Kentucky from Cumberland Gap  
to Louisville with one division  
from Mt. Vernon to Maysville, via  
Winchester and Paris, makes the  
following statements, which  
should prove of much interest to  
fiscal courts, county engineers  
and every lover of good roads.

"Am indeed glad to hear from  
you in regard to the patrol sys  
tem for Boone Way. Such a  
system, as you are perhaps aware  
consists in the appointment of a  
man to take care of a certain stat  
ed number of miles of road, de  
pending upon the condition of  
the road. You will understand  
that the road must first be  
placed in proper condition before  
it can be patrolled or maintained.

A patrolman, if on a macadam  
road, is equipped with a horse,  
cart, pick, shovel, tamper, water  
barrel and sprinkler, some stone  
screening. Wherever a hole or  
rut exists, it is cleaned out, the  
sides being packed down vertical  
so as to run up the new material.  
After the hole is properly cleaned  
out it should be sprinkled and  
new material added, which is  
screened and watered the same  
as in building a macadam road.

The stone which is placed  
in the hole and which is the real  
wearing surface should be  
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### PERSONAL

Miss Lena McCall, of Maretburg, was here this week.

W. M. Merrick was down from Paris Sunday.

Miss Edith Catz, of Monticello, was with Dr. and Mrs. Francis.

Miss Verna Welch spent a portion of the week in Pine Hill.

Dr. Owens was in Winchester first of the week on oil business.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Childress were over from Hintonville last week.

Mrs. Bettie Hansel and Miss Rissee Barnett are with friends in Wilton.

Mrs. A. F. St. Clair and son, of Lexington spent a few days with relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maharg at Hiatt.

Miss Marguerite Welch is spending a few weeks in Louisville and Henderson.

Miss Julia Fish and Miss Jessie Nielly spent the fourth with relatives and friends at Wildie.

Logan Bryant, W. H. Kruger and Everett Mullins made flying trip to Winchester Monday night.

Miss Billie May Ridgeway, of Shepherdsville, who has been visiting Miss Blanche Crawford has returned.

Sam J. McMullins was up from the Wabash section yesterday and reports father, John McMullins, improving.

Charley L. Davis and George Weiderhold left Wednesday for Stafford, Kansas to work during the harvest season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fish and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller and Master Jack Fish motored over to Lexington Wednesday.

Misses Georgia McFerron and Ruth Mullins were guests of Mrs. C. H. White at a buffet luncheon on Monday evening.

Miss Rissee Oliver, of Berea, who has been with the family of A. H. Hamlin for two weeks, returned to her home Monday.

Mrs. E. R. Gentry who has been very sick for the past two weeks is better and expects to be able to resume her canning club work Monday.

Miss Julia Landrum has been visiting in Pittsburg while Miss Bernice Landrum has been visiting Miss Clyde Watson at E. K. S. N. Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McClellan, of Chicago, have been here for the past week visiting Mrs. Mrs. McClellan's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Johnson have moved back from Bourbon County. Geo. says the Blue Grass was fine but the good old hills of Rockcastle look good to him.

Mr. Minehan, who married Miss Nannie Carmichael, is here for a few days visit with his family. He is a Naval officer with twelve years service and is expecting a call at any minute.

Messdames C. C. Williams and Cleo Brown, Miss Rissee Williams, Frank Miller and John Albright as chauffeur, drove over to Crab Orchard and spent the evening Wednesday.

H. J. Cox, F. L. Thompson Jr., and Victor C. Tate made a record run to Louisville Tuesday P. M. They made the trip in six hours without any serious trouble in Mr. Thompson's Cheverlet.

### LOCAL

McCormick and Deering mower repairs at Fish's.

The Teachers Institute will begin here Monday, July 10th.

This is the day to get that new Palm Beach suit at Fish's. Genuine Palm Beach suits for five dollars at Fish's as long as this lot lasts.

Rendering service is improving our business. Let us serve you. J. Fish & Son.

Ten per cent reduction on all Low Shoes at Fish's, while the present stock lasts.

So far as Rockcastle is concerned we had a sane Fourth. We have not heard of any trouble in our county.

Frank Cox is having his examining trial today for the killing of Jim Sutton on Rockcastle river about two weeks ago.

LOST:—A bunch of keys between Mt. Vernon and Langford. Liberal reward for their return.

EDGAR MULLINS.

Wednesday was a great day for Livingston. We understand there was a crowd of twelve to fifteen hundred people at the celebration at Oliver Park. Several of the candidates had their say.

We understand the well drilled by the Schaefer concern on the Geo. Lovell farm on Chestnut Ridge proved to be a duster, and the machinery is to be moved to the Harve Mink farm for another well.

A man at Marion, Ky., reports the finding of an old penny about the size of a half dollar, but that is nothing to crow about since Emmett Emerick of the Maretburg section of this county has one of the same size dated 1801.

WANTED:—Teams to haul five thousand feet of lumber in the next five days from Pongo to Mt. Vernon Fair Grounds. Interested see or phone J. L. Cooper, Secretary or C. D. Sutton, President Mt. Vernon Fair Assn.

Immediately.

We are reliably informed that four men from this vicinity went to Lebanon last Saturday and returned on the midnight train with 25 gallons of whiskey. We also understand one officer who has the power to arrest was advised by another officer that there was no use to arrest the bunch as there could not be any case made.

### TAKE NOTICE.

I think that it is high time that the people of Rockcastle County begin to think of economy in public expenditures. It will be noticed that we are paying the county judge, county attorney and county superintendent, the sum of \$800.00 a year each. I think this is too much and that the Fiscal court should get together and reduce the salaries of these officers to \$300.00 each for the county judge and county attorney and to \$600.00 for county superintendent. The fees should make a sufficient addition to the salaries of county judge and county attorney to give these officers sufficient remuneration. If they will give proper attention to the work, their pay would be ample.

This reduction of salaries would give us \$1200.00 annually to help out on our roads or reduce our taxes. This \$4800.00 would look mighty good if we had it now to complete the roads in this county.

I hoped that the people will think this matter over and let me make a demand of the fiscal court that these reductions be made. If made by the present court, it will stand for four years and there is no danger of these offices being made vacant on account of these reductions.

### LITTLE TOM IS GOING SOME

W. J. SPARKS.

### MARETBURG

The farmers are cutting wheat and reports a very good crop.—Miss Cleo Dixon, of London, with Mrs. Bessie Bethurum for the summer.—Mrs. Dora Owens, and daughter, Mrs. Mary Daily, of Mt. Vernon, visited Mrs. Owens mother, Mrs. Hasty, from Sunday until Tuesday.—Mrs. Judith Frith spent last week with her mother, Mrs. McCall. She was accompanied by Miss Lena McCall for a short visit.—Mrs. Sarah Taylor, of St. Louis, Mo., wife of Mr. Op Taylor, deceased, is spending a few weeks with friends in this community.—Mrs. J. N. Vanhook has been very sick, but is better now.—Mrs. Florence Sage and sons, Robert and Urban are spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. Griffin.—Eugene Giffin and wife of St. Louis, are expected to visit his mother, in a few days.

That report you heard about Little Tom being off the track is a mistake. I am in to win and if YOU will give me a lift at the August Primary, I will do a plenty for the Democratic nominee in November.

Anything you can do for me will be appreciated by

### TO MY REPUBLICAN FRIENDS

OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

I have been a candidate for two years. My father was sick in the spring and I had to stay with him, but I will try to see you all if possible. If there should be any that I fail to see your support will be highly appreciated.

Yours Resp't,  
J. W. CHASTEEN.

### NOTICE

Under section 1550 and subsection 15 of the Kentucky Statutes, all candidates for county and district offices are required to meet at the County Court Clerk office 2 o'clock standard time 25 days before the primary election. This day will be July 11th, to draw as to how their names shall be placed on the official primary election ballot.

S. F. BOWMAN, C. R. C. C.

### TO THE REPUBLICANS OF

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace in the Third Magisterial District, subject to the Primary Election next August.

My record shows that I have stood for all that is right and good for my home county where I was born and where I expect to live and die. I am in favor of anything that will build up and make our community better.

I feel that I am prepared from my college training, as a teacher for fifteen years, and my experi-



E. B. THOMPSON.

### To the Republicans of

Rockcastle County.

Some time ago I told the voters that I did not consider it proper for Republicans to write news paper articles against each other; I am still of the same opinion and am very reluctant to write this one; but my friends have advised and urged me to do so.

The people are being told, for the purpose of confusing their minds that I am not eligible for the office of County Attorney. That I lack one day and if I should be nominated and elected I would be turned out of office and a Democrat appointed by the Governor. In the first place, the people should know that the Governor does not appoint the County Attorney in case of a vacancy, but that the County Judge, only, has the power to appoint.

In the second place, if I am not eligible and a legal candidate for the office, the law strictly forbids me taking any part in the primary as a candidate. If I am not a legal candidate, it will cost either or both of my opponents or any one of their scared henchmen just fifty cents to keep me off the track. All that anyone has to do, is to go to the Circuit Court Clerk's office with fifty cents and secure an injunction against me running and that ends it. That would be much cheaper easier and quicker than writing long expensive newspaper articles and letters and riding in the hot sun all over the County from now until August the 4th. If I am not a legal candidate, it is not only their right, but intensely interested, are going to the voters and posing as my friends, and expressing an apparent sympathy for me and sorrow in their own hearts.

I understand that their expression is that of deep humanity and the pathos of it is touchingly beautiful, almost limpid purity; then they proceed to end the touching scene, and with the seriousness of a Vestal Virgin, making ready to serve before mysterious alters, read some cold, stern sections of law, some letters and maybe an almanac. Be careful men. Don't be fooled; they are not my friends else they would not be telling such; neither do they know the facts of the case. I know from the best legal authority in the land, who know the facts, that I am eligible. The only disability connected with my candidacy, is common to us all that is, lack of votes. If you see fit to give me the nomination, I will certainly keep it and then go after the Democratic nominee with hammer and tongs in November.

Yours heartily,

B. B. THOMPSON.

### TO THE VOTERS OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

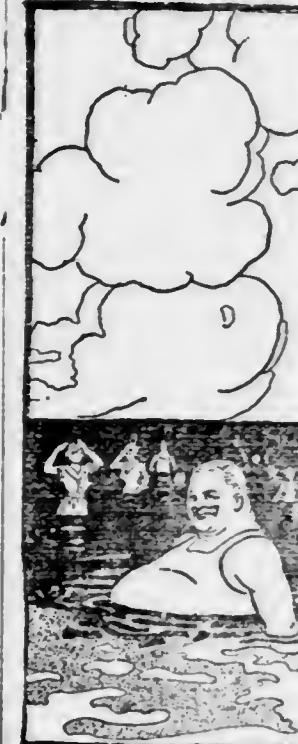
It is being circulated in some parts of the county that I have not at all times supported the Republican nominees. My affidavit will be found in this issue of the Signal, which I hope will relieve the mind of every voter in the county. Further more it is being circulated that I am not eligible to hold the office of County Court Clerk if I am duly nominated and elected. If this is burdening the mind of any voter I will refer you to the Clerk's office and have Mr. Bowman read to you the record. My claim is equal justice to all men. I am making a very great effort to see every voter in the county and will continue this campaign work until the fourth of August.

I thank the good people of the county for the courtesy already shown me during this campaign. I will be in various parts of the county continuously till the campaign closes.

I now appeal to my friends to help me take care of my claim and win a great victory for me which I think from a clear conscience I really deserve.

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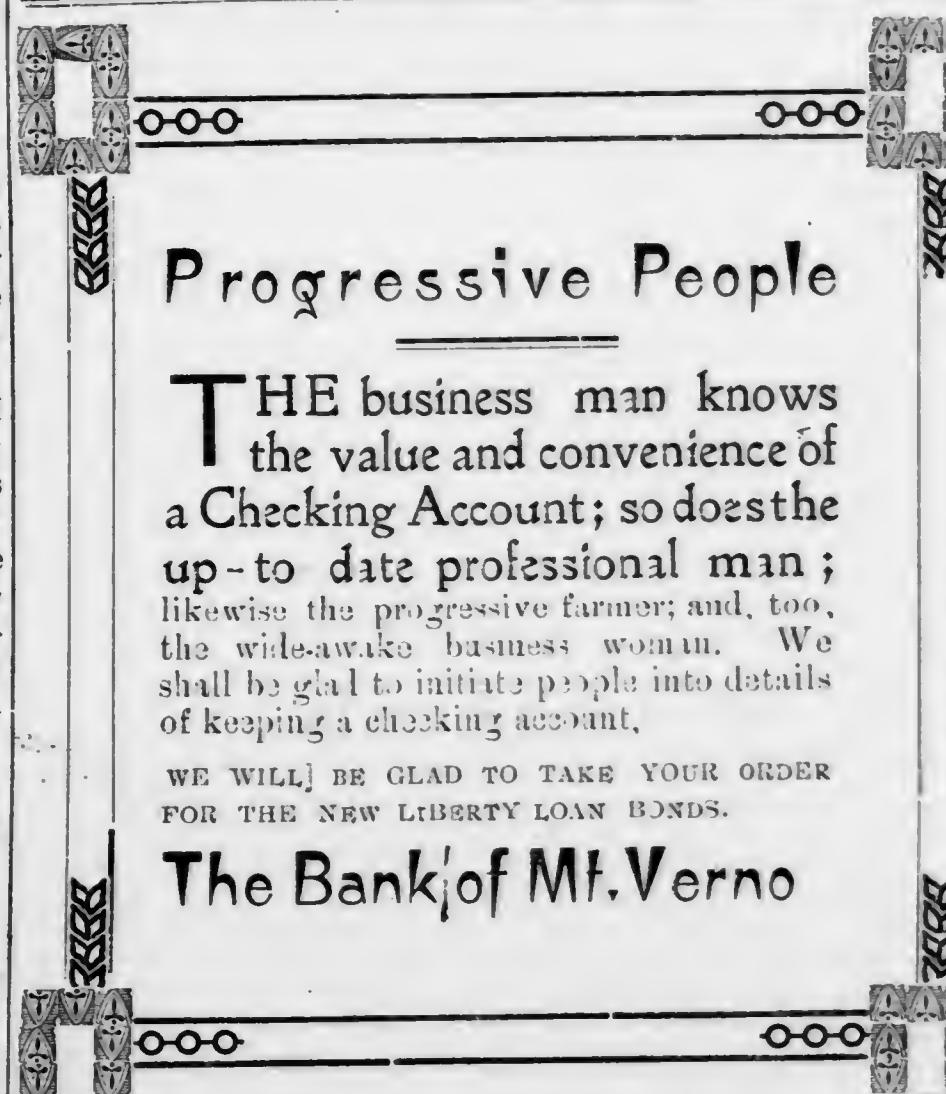
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#### RECORD OF COUNTY

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such promises. Besides, he is making surveys for new pikes and bridges, neither of which will be built, because of lack of funds. I want to add that if I am elected County Judge I promise the people that what funds are left, if any are left, and any State Aid funds that may come to this county will be used in a business-like way and made to build as much pike as possible.

Now, if there is a man in this county who doubts in the least any statement contained herein, I not only invite him, but most earnestly, to go to examine the county records for himself.

My opponents occupy a very friendly relation toward each other. Mr. Ballard will say to a voter, "If you don't support me, vote for Mr. Griffin," and Mr. Griffin will say to a voter, "If you don't vote for me, vote for Mr. Ballard." You can see from this that Mr. Griffin is willing to advise the voters to swallow the record of the present County Judge, hoof and horns. An appropriation made by Mr. Ballard of the people's money to be handled by Mr. Griffin, probably accounts for Griffin's friendly feeling for Mr. Ballard, and in its expenditure he became so enthusiastic that he neglected last year, as overseer, to work his county road.

I desire to say to the Republicans of this county that I know the law and have the essential qualifications for the office of County Judge. My experience of twelve years as a law officer fits me for the office. I know when a public offense has been committed and know the rules of evidence well enough to know when an offense has been proved. I know how to deal out justice between man and man in civil cases, and will be honest enough to decide between them according to law and justice. I know a legal claim against the county and my signature as County Judge will never be found to any other. As Sheriff I have met my obligations and made my settlements promptly, and have been among the first sheriffs of the state to receive my quietus from the State Auditor, as you will see by an examination of the records of the County Clerk's office. I ask you to take my record as an officer and compare it with the official record of my two opponents and decide from the three who has failed.

In conclusion let me say to the republicans of this county that if you nominate and elect me your County Judge I'll stop the leak; I'll stop the squandering of your money in the extravagant allowance of claims against the county; I'll see to it that nothing but legal claims are allowed; I'll give an accounting of the expenditure of your money. I will lower your taxes. I will reduce the present indebtedness of the county entailed upon the taxpayers by incompetency and mismanagement. I will make you a sober County Judge. I will use the influence of the office to build up the county. I will do my best to advance the moral and commercial welfare of our county.

Thanking you for past favors, I am.

Very sincerely,  
**CAM MULLINS.**

#### NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received at my office until 12 noon Wednesday August 1st, 1917 for the erection and construction of the sub

structure and one 29' 6" T beam concrete slab at Roundstone Creek near Roundstone Station

State Highway Road No 102 A.

Plans on file in this office

Additional information furnished

on application. Successful bidder must deposit check equal

in amount to one half of his bid.

The Fiscal Court of Rockcastle

County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

F. H. MATTINGLY,

Road Engineer Rockcastle Co.

Sealed bids will be received at

this office until 12 noon Wednesday August 1st, 1917 for the

erection and construction of the

substructure and two 29' 6" T

beams slabs over Clear Creek

near Wildie, Ky.

Plans on file in this office.

Additional information furnished

on application. Successful bidder

must deposit check equal in

amount to one half of his bid. Sealed bids will be received at The Fiscal Court of Rockcastle this office for the erection including the flooring of one 90' steel truss over Roundstone Creek near Langford Station until 12 noon Wednesday August 1st, 1917. Details and plans on file in this office. The Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

F. H. MATTINGLY.

Road Engineer Rockcastle Co.

Sealed bids will be received at this office for the erection including the flooring of one 60' steel truss over Roundstone Creek near Roundstone Station until 12 noon Wednesday August 1st, 1917. Details and plans on file in this office. The Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

F. H. MATTINGLY.

Road Engineer Rockcastle Co.

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